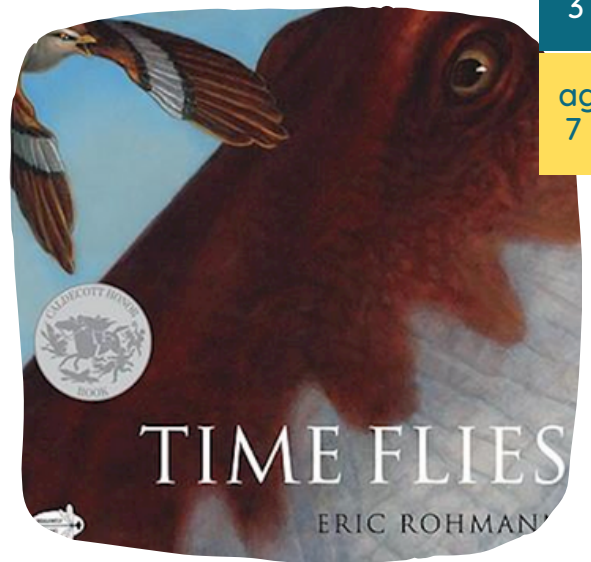


# Time Flies by Eric Rohmann.

"The book began with words but I found, as I made the pictures, that the words and images were saying the same thing. So I let the pictures talk by themselves." Eric Rohmann



Addressed to 3-7 years old children

## What is the book about?

A wordless time-travel adventure presenting the scientific theory that dinosaurs were the evolutionary ancestors of birds. Time Flies is the story of a bird trapped in a dinosaur exhibit. Page by page, the bird flies on, and the natural history museum transfer into real-life scenes. We follow the bird to enter a mouth of a dinosaur and escape unscathed.

## When we can use the book?



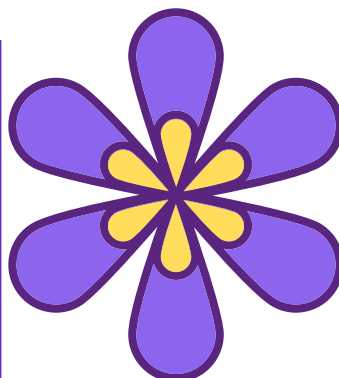
A fun way for kids to learn about dinosaurs and how the perception of their myth has changed over the years. Scientists have gone from thinking of dinosaurs as cold-blooded lizards to the winged and warm-blooded ancestors of the birds we know today. Especially, when almost all kids go through a phase where they are fascinated with dinosaurs.



A great book that can be used to infer, predict, and go for deeper meaning. The book helps in developing a critical way of thinking. It raises awareness about the time that flies, from the Mesozoic Era to today's society. How much the earth has changed? A good way to introduce and talk about societal issues such as climate change.

## Which skills we make flourish?

- fantasy
- creativity
- critical thinking
- social conscience



## Which Method we use?

- Collective reading
- Meaning making discussion and reflection
- Creative expression

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## Activity - let's put it into practice!

Duration: 30 - 45 min

Visual narratives in picture books can be seen as small-scale worlds that welcome and take us through the complex dynamic of reading and interpreting cultural, natural and inner images that we see.

### Structure



#### Collective reading

The educator/facilitator is presenting herself/himself and the book. Pages of the book are projected or physically shown to children. The facilitator makes some introductory questions:

- What do you think the book is about?
- What may happen to the character in the story?

Remember: There are no wrong or right answers :)



#### Meaning making discussion and reflection

After reading, invite the children to think more deeply by asking the following questions:

- Are dinosaurs still alive?
- What do you think happened to them?
- When did they disappear?
- Why do you think they disappeared?



#### Creative expression

Let's play the dinosaurs!

The kids will choose a dinosaur from a book or a slide projected onto a screen. The characteristics of each dinosaur will be introduced, so kids and parents can reflect on them. Are you finding similarities between the chosen dinosaur and your kid's personality?



### Do you know that...

Eric Rohmann is the author and the illustrator. His book *Time Flies* received:

- A Caldecott Honor Book
- A New York Times Notable Book of the Year
- A New York Times Book Review Best Children's Book
- An ALA Notable

### Practical Tip

We recommend some children's books that can be used to explore the various characteristics of dinosaurs:

- *Big Book of Dinosaurs* by Alex Frith (2017),
- *Lift-the-flap Questions and Answers about Dinosaurs* by Katie Daynes & Marie-Eve Tremblay (2015).

